



Gabrielle Florida Descouzis

December 22, 1917 - April 29, 2014

Gabrielle “Gay” Florida Tetreault Descouzis was born on Dec. 22, 1917 and departed this world on April 29, 2014. Born in Pawtucket, RI, Gay was the oldest of 5 children raised in a bilingual French/English family in Providence. She grew up dancing to Big Band music with her Uncles, and spoke with a “Bahston” accent to her dying day.

Her first job was as Executive Secretary to the President of Rochambeau Worsted Company, a woolen and worsted mill that came to Providence from Rubaix, France. Gay married a Frenchman in 1951 named Paul Descouzis, who was in the Diplomatic Service in Boston, acting as Chancellor of Toulouse, France. Paul became a Professor of Romance Languages and taught at number of Universities. Gay and he enjoyed traveling throughout the US and Europe, vacationing and visiting family. In her fifties, Gay went into real estate in Greensboro, NC. She & Paul moved to Austin, TX after retirement to be near their youngest daughter, Denise.

After Paul’s death in 1991, Gay moved to the Summit at Westlake Hills in 2004. With friends, she spent many happy hours socializing and knitting booties and bonnets for premature babies at Brackenridge Hospital.

Gay is survived by 2 daughters, Jacqueline Kritzer (husband Tom) of Cupertino, CA, and Denise Descouzis (husband Joe Huerta) of Austin, plus

grandchildren Robert Kritzer (wife Christy) & Elizabeth Kritzer (husband Aaron Serafin).

Gay will be buried alongside Paul at St. Ann's Cemetery in Cranston, RI.

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Heart to Heart Hospice: 4009 Banister Ln., Ste. 100, Austin, TX 78704 or

The Charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gabrielle Florida Descouzis*

October 05, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *Gabrielle Florida Descouzis*

October 04, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ *Gabrielle Florida Descouzis*

September 26, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ *Denise....you were a bright blessing to your Mom as she was to you. I am praying for you and your family as you get through this very difficult time. What a great gift that you were blessed with such an incredible relationship with her. May God send you His love, peace, comfort and strength. Mary Ellen Carroll*

Mary Ellen - May 10, 2014 at 11:24 PM



“ *Denise, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your dear mother. Please accept my deepest condolences and know that your mother and your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers. Lisa Fisch*

Lisa Fisch - May 07, 2014 at 06:45 PM

LE

“ Truly an elegant lady who wore that loving smile! What I remember most fondly? Her beautiful accent that made you stop and listen and, visiting her at the Summit with you Denise and admiring those long plastic tubes filled with baby bonnets and booties she knitted for the premies--what a heart. I am so happy I could be with you on the day that you said your final goodbye.

Leti - May 04, 2014 at 11:57 PM

LE

“ Leti lit a candle in memory of Gabrielle Florida Descouzis



Leti - May 04, 2014 at 11:37 PM

MO

“ Sweet Denise,
I know that you have many cherished memories of taking care of your mom in her later years. Now she is in heaven helping God take care of you again. Just like she would want it. I pray that you will soon find the peace that there is in knowing that your mom is with our Lord now and that they are lighting the way for you to get through this time.

love ya,
Michele

Michele O'Rourke - May 04, 2014 at 10:42 PM

EB

“ I will always cherish the time I spent with "Gay". We spent many an hour working crossword puzzles, reading about the Saints and having wonderful conversations about our respective experiences. She was a kind and giving person, and, I shall miss her.

Ellen/Nurses Unlimited

Ellen Bankston - May 04, 2014 at 09:59 PM

JC

“ Denise - love ya like a sister, and know what you have persevered. Seek peace and rest in knowing He has her smiling again, like this photo. Jeff C

Jeff Clark - May 04, 2014 at 09:24 PM

KR

“ Denise- You look so much like your mom. I know you and your sister will miss her terribly. No matter how old - they are always your mom! Praying for you all at this sad sad time. We love you! Kim Ringer

Kim Cathcart Ringer - May 04, 2014 at 08:24 PM

DM

Denise - When someone we love becomes a memory the memory becomes a treasure...you need a large treasure chest to store all the outstanding memories of a life well lived. Now her new training for assignment as Angel is underway - how well prepared and accomplished she is for her newest "stage" upon which to grace your thinking ... a soft wisp of air and she is giving you a butterfly kiss of gratitude for being her child. Love, Mary and Mac

Dr. Mary McVicar - May 05, 2014 at 07:52 AM

LK

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Liz Kritzer - April 30, 2014 at 07:11 PM

DD

*Thanks, Liz! I remember that visit well! Memere loved your wreath that you brought her at that time. We had it up on her door all the way until Thanksgiving.
Love you, Aunt Denise*

Denise Descouzis - May 02, 2014 at 04:29 PM